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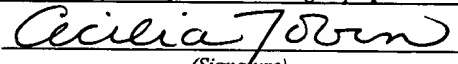
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2002, please consider the following remarks and amendments:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, May 9, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, ATTN: Examiner Betty J. Forman, Group Art Unit No. 1634, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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